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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Soviet Union -
Egypt

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2. Israel

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The Israelis are puzzling over what to do with all that Soviet equipment they captured from the Egyptians last month.

They say they have given up the idea of using the tanks, because of the spare parts problem. On the other hand, they have accumulated such a huge stockpile of Soviet artillery weapons and ammunition that they are seriously thinking of adopting selected calibres.

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3. South Vietnam

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4. Burma

Peking has not helped the Burmese Communists much with its recent strong endorsement of them. Ne Win, in a clear-cut warning to local Communists not to act on the Chinese call for his overthrow, has arrested about 100 left-ists identified with various pro-Peking front organizations.

So far the only local Communist response to Peking's nudging has been to scatter a few leaflets in a town north of Rangoon.

5. Rumania - Soviet Union

The Rumanians seem to be doing some independent snooping regarding the Soviet armed forces.

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the Soviets keep in the Mediterranean.

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Rumania did not attend the last two Warsaw Pact military intelligence conferences. It may be that it has been cut off from normal pact sources on Soviet military deployment.

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6. Congo

The Congolese army and some civilians have gone on a rampage of looting and living it up in Kisangani (Stanleyville). Less than half of some 100 Europeans holed up in a hotel have so far been brought out in Red Cross planes. Eleven more Americans have been evacuated; two American teachers at the local university evidently want to stay.

The whereabouts of the mercenaries who decamped on 12 July is still a mystery. Evacuees report, however, that the mercenaries took with them large numbers of Congolese whom they had recruited.

7. Nigeria

There has been no change in the military situation in the northwestern corner of the Eastern Region (Biafra), but in the northeast a provincial capital seems to have fallen to federal forces.

Most of the 145 Peace Corps volunteers in the region have been put out of jobs because the schools have been closed. In view of this and the fact that the Lagos government objects to their continued service in the Eastern Region, their early evacuation is planned.

Both sides are continuing to rummage around for arms. The federal government is said to have bought six armed Czech jet trainers for delivery later this month. One ship has run the federal blockade and delivered small arms and ammunition to the Eastern Region.

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